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House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff (D-CA) speaks to reporters with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA); House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY);
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Carolyn Maloney (D-NY); and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) during a news conference to announce articles of impeachment
against U.S. President Donald Trump on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S. on December 10, 2019, REUTERS

# House Democrats unveil Trump impeachment charges; White House sets sights on Senate trial

Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives announced formal impeachment charges against President Donald Trump on Tuesday, a historic move that set the stage for a divisive trial in the Republican-led Senate ahead of the 2020 elections.

The two formal charges, or articles of impeachment, accuse Trump of

"betraying" the country by abusing power in an effort to pressure Ukraine to probe a political rival and then obstructing Congress' investigation into the scandal.

The Democratic-controlled House is almost certain to vote to impeach the president. It could take up the matter next week. A trial would then be held in the Senate, like-

ly in January. No Republican in either the House or Senate has come out in favor of Trump's removal from office.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler told reporters that Democrats had to take action because Trump had endangered the U.S. Constitution, undermined the integrity of the 2020 election and jeopardized

national security.

"No one, not even the president, is above the law," Nadler said at a news conference to announce the formal impeachment charges. He was joined by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders involved in the impeachment probe.

"Our elections are a cornerstone of democracy. ... The integrity of our next

election is at risk from a president who has already sought foreign interference in the 2016 and 2020 elections," Nadler said.

Trump has denied wrongdoing and calls the inquiry a hoax.

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The White House, which has refused to participate in the hearings in the House because it says the process is unfair, accused Democrats of en-

dent Bill Clinton was impeached in 1998 for lying about a sexual relationship he had with a White House intern, but he was acquitted in the Senate. Republican President Richard Nixon resigned in 1974 before he was impeached over his involvement in the Watergate scandal. Democratic President Andrew Johnson was impeached in 1868 but

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gaging in a "baseless and partisan" attempt to undo the results of the 2016 election.

"The President will address these false charges in the Senate and expects to be fully exonerated, because he did nothing wrong," White House spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham said in a statement. In an interview with Fox News, Grisham, asked whether Trump would testify, said she did not know.

After the articles of impeachment were announced, Trump tweeted "WITCH HUNII" Earlier, he attacked the impeachment effort, tweeting that to impeach a president when the country has such a strong economy "and most importantly, who has done NOTHING wrong, is sheer Political Madness!"

He is the fourth U.S. president to face impeachment.

Democratic Presi-

not convicted in the Senate.

The abuse of power charge accuses Trump of using nearly \$400 million in U.S. security aid and a possible White House meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart to solicit Ukraine to publicly announce the investigations of Biden and a debunked theory that Ukraine, not Russia, interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

The obstruction charge accuses the president of defying and impeding the House's efforts to investigate the scandal, adding that Trump would remain a threat to the U.S. Constitution if he remained in office.

Representative Adam Schiff, the Democrat who spearheaded the investigation in the House Intelligence Committee, said impeachment was an extraordinary remedy but that Trump had given Democrats no choice.

REUTERS

# **Environment protesters glue selves to UK PM's bus**

Three environmental campaigners ■alued themselves to Prime Minister Boris Johnson's campaign bus on Tuesday after he held an election event at a factory in central England, two days before voters go to the polls. Extinction Rebellion UK - which disrupted public transport in London in October - said eight protesters, five dressed as bees, blocked the Conservative bus to call for faster progress in re-



ducing greenhouse gas emissions. "We're here because every degree of warming matters, every minute matters, but by not acting today we're accelerating the most pressing crisis of our time," said one of the protesters, Becky McGee.

# Questions mount over tours to New Zealand volcano

Tourists caught in the deadly blast at New Zealand's White Island were there despite a recent increase in volcanic activity, although experts said precise predictions on eruptions were all but impossible. Five people were killed, eight are still missing and more than 30 were injured when the White Island volcano, one of the most active in New Zealand, erupted in a steam and gas explo-

sion on Monday. Many of the visitors were on a day tour from a cruise trip in a nearby port. Geological hazard tracker GeoNet raised its alert level for the island near the middle of a six-point scale in mid-November because of an increase in volcanic activity. But tour companies were not required to keep their dozens of customers that day away from the volcano, operators and agencies say.

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The gun battle unfolded in broad daylight, locking down schools and sending frantic pedestrians running for cover.



Six people were killed Tuesday in a horrific midday standoff that unleashed panic on the streets of Jersey City, New Jersey's second most populous city.

A police officer, three civilians and two suspected gunmen were killed in the melee, which lasted roughly an hour and prompted evacuations and a massive police response in the neighborhood, located just over the Hudson River near the Statue of Liberty.

# Multiple killed in Jersey City shootout, including an officer



Police officers arrive at the scene of an active shooting in Jersey City, New Jersey on December 10, 2019. GETTY IMAGES

Officials said they don't believe the shooting was terror-related, though as of deadline there was no official word on what provocated the bloodshed, nor was it known how many suspects were involved. Police did not say whether anyone was taken into custody in connection to the incident, and the identities of the deceased were not made public.

The fallen police officer was pronounced dead at a local hospital, and the other deceased, including two shooters, were found at JC Kosher Supermarket, located at 223 Martin Luther King Drive, between Bidwell and Bayview Avenues. NBC New York reported that the deceased officer was a married father of five.

The barrage of rapid succession gunfire first rang out around 12:30 p.m., with frantic witnesses describing hundreds of shots fired. One person on social media described the area as "a war zone." SWAT teams and federal agents rushed to the scene, as did the



The location of shooting. MAPBOX

NYPD. Helicopters and drones surveyed the area from above.

Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop gave an update on the standoff just before 4 p.m., saying there were "multiple deceased" people. Fulop described the scene at that time as "still active but secure," and said others were injured, including two officers who were struck by shrapnel.

"One of the officers tragically has given his life," Fulop said later on Twitter, and asked people to keep police in their prayers. Schools, including an elementary school in close proximity to the scene, were put on lockdown. Students were later released and no children were harmed.

Earlier, an officer was shot several blocks away, in Bayview Cemetery, Fulop said. Police were investigating whether the gunmen shot that officer before fleeing to the market, where they continued to fire through the building's windows. Local media reported that confrontation was connected

to a previous homicide investigation.

NJ Transit suspended nearby rail and bus service on the west side of Jersey City.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio addressed the tragedy on Twitter Tuesday, saying "the NYPD is closely monitoring the ongoing situation in Jersey City and we stand ready to assist in any way we can. Please keep our neighbors in Jersey City in your thoughts today, especially the brave officers and first responders going into harm's way to protect lives"

President Trump also tweeted about the situation, calling it a "horrific shootout."

"Our thoughts & prayers are w/ the victims & their families during this very difficult & tragic time. We will continue to monitor the situation as we assist local & state officials on the ground," Trump said.

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# NYC and Newark agree to temporarily suspend controversial homeless relocation program

More than 2,200 families have been relocated across NJ.



After a long negotiation in federal court on Monday, Newark and New York have agreed to suspend the SOTA Program, Politico reported. "In the spirit of productive conservations and with the goal of moving toward an improved program, we will be temporarily pausing placements in Newark," de Blasio spokesperson Freddi Goldstein said in a statement. New York City will also send Newark a list of participants of the program and their addresses once an agreement is reached.

Newark officials are suing New York City and Mayor Bill de Blasio over city's controversial Special One-Time Assistance (SOTA) Program that provides homeless shelter residents with free rent for a year if they leave NYC. More than 2,200 families have been placed in 62 New Jersey cities through the program, with over half ending up in Newark. Recent investigations have found that some families end up in "illegal and uninhabitable" apartments and are essentially forced to become dependent on Newark social services. The lawsuit was filed in federal court Monday, as NJ.com first reported, just weeks after Newark passed a law to make the program illegal and ban landlords from taking more than a month's worth of subsidized rent.

"Newark is concerned about the living conditions of perhaps one thousand or more SOTA recipients," the lawsuit states. "From the small sample of SOTA recipients that Newark was able to identify, Newark has become aware of families, including those with infants, that are living in uninhabitable conditions.

The papers cite prob-lems with a lack of heat, electricity, excessive vermin, and other dangerous living conditions. New York officials are required to inspect the apartments before tenants move in but



A homeless person eats on a side walk near Time Square on December 10, 2019 in New York City

Newark officials claim that doesn't happen and that NYC has failed to provide information about where the tenants are living.

Since tenants don't have the ability to withhold rent, these issues continue to fester. In some cases, the lawsuit goes on to say, tenants have tried to reach out to NYC for support. "Families were told that Defendants either cannot or will not help because they are residents of Newark now,"

the lawsuit reads. "It is, apparently, no longer the Defendants' concern. Having nowhere to turn and unable to hold the landlords accountable, families have contacted Newark for help.'

The lawsuit names de Blasio and Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks and alleges that New York is violating interstate commerce rules through the program.
"I believe, and I

thought we were trying to work toward commonsense solutions, and I still want to work toward common solutions. That's my attitude," de Blasio said Monday night on NY1's "Inside City Hall." Adding, "Human need is human need. We want to help people back on their feet.

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NEW YORK CITY - If you are even remotely interested in discovering how the latest scientific discoveries can possibly help your knee pain... then this is going is be the most exciting information you ever read.

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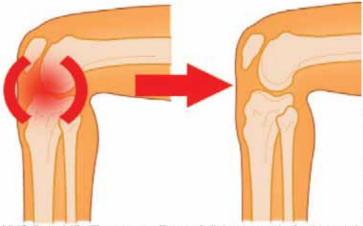
While I can't give you the entire treatment formula here (there is not enough space and WAY too complicated) I can give you the basics. And more important... I can tell you what it might be able to do for YOU.

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## **U.S. Supreme Court** justices lean toward insurers on \$12 billion bamacare claims

Dispute concerns only payments and doesn't challenge Obamacare itself.

U.S. Supreme Court justices on Tuesday appeared sympathetic to claims made by health insurers seeking \$12 billion from the federal government under a program set up by the Obamacare law aimed at encouraging them to offer medical coverage to previously uninsured Americans.

The justices considered a challenge by a group of insurers of a lower court's ruling that Congress had suspended the government's obligation to make such payments. The insurers have said that ruling constituted a "bait-andswitch" that would enable the government to withhold money the companies were promised.

The court's four liberal justices, in addition to Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh, all asked questions indicating they are inclined to vote for the

"Why doesn't the government have to pay its contracts just like everybody else?" said Justice Stephen Breyer.

Moda Health Plan Inc and other insurers sued in an effort to compel the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to make the payments. The

program in question was designed to help insurers recover from early losses they suffered after the 2010 passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) under Democratic former President Barack Obama.

The law, dubbed Obamacare, has enabled millions of Americans who previously had no medical coverage to obtain insurance, including those with pre-existing medical conditions.

Unlike other court cases involving Obamacare, this dispute before the justices concerns only payments to insurers and does not directly challenge the law itself.

> "Why doesn't the government have to pay its contracts just like everybody else?"

Stephen Breyer

Conservative Justice Samuel Alito seemed most supportive of the govern-

"Has there ever been a case where this court has, in effect, required Congress to appropriate ... billions of dollars for private businesses?" he asked the insurers' lawyer, Paul Clement.

Other insurers involved in the case include Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Maine Community Health Options and Land of Lincoln Mutual Health Insurance

Company.

If the Supreme Court sides with the insurers, it could result in a significant one-time cash infusion for major companies such as Humana Inc, Anthem Inc and Centene Corp, according to a note by Evercore ISI. Shares of all three were up slightly on Tuesday.

Payments would have come through the law's risk corridor program designed to mitigate insurers' risks from 2014 to 2016, when they sold coverage to previously uninsured people through exchanges established under the ACA.

Under the program, insurers that paid out significantly less in claims on policies sold through the exchanges than they took in from premiums provided some of their gains to the government. Insurers that paid out more were entitled to government compensation for part of their losses.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 2-1 in 2018 that Congress effectively repealed its obligation to pay the insurers. REUTERS

# Man who ate \$120,000 banana at art show says 'I'm not sorry'



David Datuna, the performance artist who ate a banana as a performance last Saturday afternoon in Miami at Art Basel, holds a news conference in Manhattan on December 9, 2019.

A performance artist who ate a banana taped to a wall that was an artwork valued at \$120,000 said his actions were not vandalism and he does not regret his snack at Art Basel in Miami

Beach, Florida. "I decided in the morning. But I was not too hungry. So I spent another two hours to the Basel and I eat it," performance artist David Datuna, who was born in Georgia, the former Soviet republic, told reporters in New York on Monday.

Artist Maurizio Cattelan's piece - a banana duct-taped to a wall and called "Comedian" - sold for \$120,000.

Datuna joined the crowd taking selfies with the banana on Saturday and then pulled off the tape and ate the banana in a video widely shared on social media.

"First of all, I very respect this artist. For me, he is one of the top artists in the world," Datuna said. "And I think this is the first one in art history when one artist eat concept for another

Artist.' Yeah, because I was hungry and I just

Representatives of Art Basel were not immediately available to

"So it's not like, again, vandalism. It was art performance from me. And absolutely, I'm not sorry. I call performance 'Hungry Artist.' Yeah, because I was hungry and I just eat it."

**David Datuna** 

artist. People ask me, you eat banana? Physically is was banana, but banana is just a tool. So usually I eat the concept of the art."

He added that the artwork tasted good.

"So it's not like, again, vandalism. It was art performance from me. And absolutely, I'm not sorry," he said. "I call performance 'Hungry

comment. The identity of the buyer was never disclosed by the gal-

Cattelan previously created an 18-carat gold toilet that New York's Guggenheim Museum offered to lend to U.S. President Donald Trump in 2018. The \$5 million toilet was stolen from Britain's Blenheim Palace in September. REUTERS



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# 'The Crucible': A tale of terror fit for today

Bedlam's production soars at the Connelly Theater. CARRIE ADAMS

The story of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" (in case you've repressed memories of high school English teachers forcing you to read its scenes aloud) is a relatively simple one: people point fingers. Then, once they become aware of the seriousness of their accusations, they try to take them back. By then, it's too late and everything is ruined! It's the story of the Salem witch trials, written by Miller in 1953 (in the midst of McCarthyism, which encouraged behavior, not unlike that exhibited in 1692 Salem, Massachusetts). Bedlam Theatre Company's production is inventive and mesmerizing: I highly recommend seeing it before it closes on Dec. 29.

As you enter the Connelly Theater, a giant road sign sits behind the audience, inscribed: "Salem Village Welcomes You!" followed by John Winthrop's quote "We shall be as a city upon a hill." The sign is modern, as is the pre-curtain music, which most closely resembles jazzy elevator muzak. Audience seating in the small, intimate space is either a rickety chair directly on the stage or a more traditional seat in risers looking down upon it.

The drawback "a city upon a hill" is that the surface area atop of said hill is quite cramped: everyone is up in everyone's business in the town of Salem. The night before our story begins, Reverend Samuel Parris has seen his daughter and friends (led by Abigail, the most deliciously unlikeable character in modern history) frolicking around naked and singing incantations. Remember, this town hates witches, so: This. Is. Bad.

The girls, being shortsighted teens, conspire to deflect attention by accusing other women in the town of witchcraft. The entire town (well, the male half of it) is whipped into an excited frenzy by the allegations, which spiral more and more out of control as the girls begin condemning random women. Any woman who denies the claims is sentenced to death.

Important to note is the motivation behind the witch-hunt in the first place: Abigail is desperately in love with the much older farmer John Proctor. They have (as they say in the Bible) "known" each other, and she refuses to accept his resolve to put their relationship behind him and recommit himself



to his wife, Elizabeth "Goody" Proctor. Abi-gail ultimately accuses Goody Proctor of witchcraft, which she hopes will drive John to her own arms. Truett Felt does a fantastic job as Abigail, simultaneously totally manipulative and desperately naive.

The opening of the show is intentionally bizarre and disjointed, as actors dissolve in and out of scenes, sit in stillness, or hold lights or props for each other. Characters address each other directly (as people are wont to do), except Abigail, who faces out directly at the audience during the entire opening sequence. It's deeply unsettling, as we're forced to wonder what exactly it is she sees: is it us? The future? The impact of her accusations? The odd, almost marionette-like opening is effective but exhausting to watch. Director Eric Tucker seemingly anticipates our fatigue and mercifully abandons the style after establishing the tone. It's a smart choice, as slowing down the pace gives us time to catch up to the emotional depth of the characters onstage.

As the stop-motion acting is abandoned, so, too, is the proscenium, as the cast begins spilling out of the traditional playing space and into/around the audience. The show is clearly exhausting to perform, but the payoff is magnificent: the actors give new meaning to the word "ensemble," as new scenes and sets magically and frantically appear before your eyes.

It's a feat of direction by Tucker, who also acts in the show.

The problem with accusations is, as they say in middle school: no take-backs. And the characters in this play have the foresight of middle schoolers who don't consider the repercussions of their allegations. As new characters arrive to legitimize the seriousness of the claims (such as witch expert Hale, played by Tucker with Harold-Hill-from-"The Music Man"-like dazzling, schmoozy charm), it's too late for accusers to rescind their claims.

Nobody in the show

is truly innocent, except perhaps Elizabeth Proctor, who, ironically, takes it upon herself to apologize to her husband for being so frigid (this unnecessary apology was the only part of the show that felt outdated ... I would hope no contemporary playwright would write a scene in which a wife on death row tearfully apologizes to her husband for not being "enough" after he abandons her to sleep with a teenager, who started the whole mess in the first place. Sigh). Susannah Millonzi gives an emotionally connected, fragile yet grounded performance as Elizabeth, communicating every-thing you need to know about her marriage in the way she fetches John a cider.

The term hunt" has been tossed around a lot in the past few months, but I am certain this isn't a pro-MA-GA production of "The Crucible." What made this play feel relevant was the sheer panic I felt watching something spin fully out of control and having no ability to impact its outcome. Bedlam includes you by putting seats onstage but prohibits you from participating: it's like a bad dream where you can't run or scream. I have felt similarly in recent years glued to my television, watching the Kavanaugh or impeachment hearings (the production leans into the analogy, setting up microphones during the trial to evoke Big Congress Energy).

We're inundated with things that infuriate and outrage us in today's world. This show, often produced during times of unrest, reminds us that people have been terrible to each other since ... forever and will continue to do so for all time. It's almost comforting to know humankind has been nothing if not consistent, but it's mostly terrifying to consider. "The Crucible" is a play built for times like these, and this is a breathtakingly frenetic production not to be missed.

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#### **CREATING A TIME**

The decade changes for each character are subtle, but powerful in detail, especially in accessories or in certain colors and pieces. And this is what Amy Roberts took into account. "It was very important to make the transition from the postwar style to the '60s. Not just with miniskirts and free love, but color. That's why we gave the queen sugary and almond tones. Margaret is a little dirtier, darker. But who reflects the most interesting (in a very real personal style), is Princess Anne, the youngest royal. She wasn't going to dress in Carnaby Street style, but her vision of the '60s is very interesting," the costume designer tells Metro.



#### **BUILDING A NEW QUEEN**

In the first episode, Queen Elizabeth is stark. She defines herself as an "old bat" when analyzing her maturity, but adjusts her characteristic style to what the times demand, daring with the use of color and even with a seventies style tunic in the last episode. "When we researched we saw that there are lots of color photographs of her. In the first two seasons we had to recreate a style that led slightly to the '60s, but here, with it, we used color more openly. And look at their looks, they are extraordinary," Roberts says. "But we think about it all: in color. In the environments that were appropriate for each and also, another key was fabric. We looked for them in many stores." She adds: "In one episode the queen is far from her public duties and so her clothes are a little freer."



# The Crown: An original view of the royals through their wardrobe

The series follows history rigorously, but also shows us the personality that Peter Morgan gave to the British royal family in his own universe. LUZ LANCHEROS MWN

A now mature Queen Elizabeth, interpreted masterfully by Oscar-winner Olivia Colman - alongside Tobias Menzies and Helena Bonham Carter - is the adult counterweight of complicated family relationships where the two older siblings, a tortured Charles and a strong and acid Anne (played by Josh O'Connor and Erin Doherty, respectively) take center stage. In this way, in the third season of "The Crown," the cast plays their roles masterfully in what Peter Morgan, the scriptwriter, does best: stick to history, but also narrate royalty from its human side, to the point of having the audience grow fond of it.

But costumes should also reflect the same, and Amy Roberts put special detail when investigating and in some cases copying exactly (for example Charles' coronation as Prince of Wales) some pieces, but always giving them her

"It was very important to make the transition ... to the '60s. Not just with miniskirts color."

Amy Roberts, costume designer

twist. Through these elements Morgan shows us royal the family, an era whe-re the people, as seen in the series, are already asking for

#### MARGARET, THE DARK **PRINCESS**

In this season we see the princess in all her extravagance, but at her worst personal moment, wearing tiaras and colorful dresses, and, in turn, showing her fragility. "The queen is already established. Her marriage is resolved. Margaret was the opposite pole, her marriage was quite toxic and we wanted to point out that loss in her. That madness without direction, in slightly more extravagant fabrics. When she goes on tour to the United States she is elegant and extraordinary, she is a star, but he gets much sadder as the story progresses. And sometimes when you feel this way, you don't wear clothes that reflect it. You wear something that is the opposite of that. Sometimes you do that," Roberts explains.



#### MALE ROYALS: THE STYLE OF **BRITISH GENTLEMAN**

During the series, we see the extraordinary style of Lord "Dickie" Mountbatten, father figure of Philip and Charles (and last viceroy of India), as well as their style. Also that of the ill-fated - and exiled -Duke of Windsor, Edward VIII, in his time, a benchmark of elegance. But particularly, the husband and son of the queen followed this canon. "The main thing was to do it right. Both are incredibly elegant in that British aspect. Felipe has very long clothes, so we made them as is and Charles has always seemed old since day one, so we wanted to achieve that fine British tailoring, the best. It was important for us to get it right," Amy Roberts concludes.



# 9 Great things to do with your kids during their Winter break



On December 20, New York Public Schools will be freeing their students back into the wild and into your home until January 2nd for an extended Winter break. While it will be great to spend some time with your kids on their days off, granted you get some time off as well, finding things to do during the day could get a

little tricky. This year Go City, the city sightseeing service that offers discounts through their mobile passes, found that many of the nation's most well-known attractions see a considerable uptick on their platform during this time. What should come as a welcome surprise to stir-crazy parents in the New York area is that nine of these destinations made Go City's top 20 attractions to visit over the holiday break. Here are the nine they chose that will help you to maintain your sanity while the kids are home for the holidays.

#### Top of the Rock Observatory

Possibly one of the best, unobstructed views in the city rests on top of Rockefeller Center.

On the Top of the Rock Observatory, you'll be able to get a bird's eye view of Central Park and

**Empire State Building** 

Is there a more iconic building in all of New York? This 102 story building right in the heart of midtown practically defines this city's skyline and if your kids have never been to the top, what better time to take them than during their Winter break? While taking the elevator is ideal when keeping your composure, if you want to tire your kids out while getting some of your steps in, it should take you around a half an hour to climb all of the floors to the top. Getting up there with a crew of out of breath kids may make the view even more spectacular and reward-

Hop on, Hop Off Bus

It's easy to get caught up in your day-to-day grind here to the point where you take for granted the rich history that New York has to offer. The Hop On, Hop Off bus is a great way to reconnect with the city you call home all

while giving your kids a fun adventure on a big double-decker bus.

9/11 Memorial Museum While many schoolkids are far too young to remember the tragic events on 9/11, taking them to the 9/11 Memorial Museum will help them to understand how this city has bounced back from that

#### **Madame Tussauds New**

Sure, wax museums can be eerie and uncomfortable. Maybe that is this author's humble opinion. But, where else will you get to gawk at goofy wax renderings of some of the biggest celebrities of the day

Statue of Liberty Cruises

The Statue of Liberty is one of those things that I always seem to take note of, without ever really taking the time to understand its magnitude. That all changed when I recently went with some family to see it up close. It's truly something to behold and by taking one of the cruises that bring you right up to Lady Liberty's feet, you can really gain a whole

new perspective on one of New York's most beloved landmarks.

#### American Museum of Natural History

What better way to peak your kid's imagination than to take them to view some real-life Tyrannosaurus Rex bones? Hitting up the American Museum of Natural History is a no-brainer.

#### Metropolitan Museum of Art

Easily one of the best museums to get lost in, The Metropolitan Museum of Art has everything that your kids will want to see -medieval armor and Egyptian art and the classic renaissance paintings that will have you spellbound.

#### The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

For art that is a little more in your face and interactive, The Museum of Modern Art is the perfect place to get your kids engaged with the endless possibilities of modern and contemporary art. It will be a sure-fire conversation starter for your walk home recapping all of the mesmerizing new pieces you got to see on your trip! METRO STAFF

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The Yankees are reportedly looking to get J.A. Happ's \$17 million off the books. GETTY IMAGES

# Yanks shopping Happ to make room for Cole

The Yankees are looking to make some space for a possible recordsetting contract.



While the Yankees look to add the league's top available free agent arm in Gerrit Cole, it also appears that they are looking to unload one of their southpaws.

According to SNY's Andy Martino, the Yankees are shopping veteran starter J.A. Happ to clear up more money to mount a more serious challenge for Cole.

The Yankees submitted their first offer for Cole earlier this week in a believed seven-year, \$245 million deal.

While it was initially believed to not be enough, the Washington Nationals re-signing Stephen Strasburg to a new deal on Monday with those same figures now has many believing Cole's contract could eclipse \$300 million.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman has been given the green light to go for Cole, but the expected bidding war between him and the Los Angeles Angels is going to test just how deep the organization's pockets are.

Getting Happ's contract off the books would certainly help regain some more financial flexibility. The 37-year old is owed \$17 million next season, with an additional \$17 million option in 2021 — though it won't get that far at this point.

Even if the Yankees can move Happ, it won't save them from exceeding the luxury tax threshold should they sign Cole for as much as \$35-plus million per season.

Happ came crashing back down to Earth in 2019 following his impressive debut with

the Yankees during the second half of the 2018 campaign.

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After going 7-0 with a 2.69 ERA after being acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays at the 2018 trade deadline, Happ went 12-8 with a 4.91 ERA and a 1.295 WHIP.

Potential teams interested in Happ have not been disclosed as of yet, but the Yankees might have to connect more to the deal to coax a team to take that large a contract.

Happ's departure would leave the Yankees with a prospective top four of Cole (if he signs), Luis Severino, James Paxton and Masahiro Tanaka.

That's a pretty fearsome foursome.

For the fifth slot, the Yankees could turn to Domingo German when his suspension for violating the league's domestic violence policy ends. Jonathan Loaisiga, Jordan Montgomery and Deivi Garcia are also No. 5 options.

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ed back the clock during a strong first half in the Giants' ninth straight loss. GETTY IMAGES

# MNF collapse couldn't have gone better for Giants

New York's ninth straight loss actually played out pretty well for Giants fans.



This Giants season has been an absolute disaster. There's no denying that.

But Monday night against the Philadelphia Eagles could not have gone any better for fans of the organization and even maybe ownership, too.

For one last time, Eli Manning was the man under center during a primetime game. It's a place where an entire generation of Giants fans have grown accustomed to seeing the 38-year old, with Monday night providing a semblance of closure after his unceremonious benching after Week 2 for rookie Daniel Jones.

And for one last time, Manning got to sling it around a questionable Eagles secondary during the first half.

After a three-month break, Manning completed 11-of-19 attempts for 179 yards and a pair of long touchdowns to the next great Giants wide receiver in rookie

Darius Slayton.

Manning's second scoring pass to Slayton was as easy as it gets, dropping a perfect deep pass to a wide-open receiver who streaked past the Eagles' sedentary secondary to give New York a 17-3 lead just before the break.

And just for those few moments, Giants were transported back to a decade ago when Manning was pulling big plays out of thin air and leading Big Blue to improbable contention.

But then head coach Pat Shurmur happened.

He completed abandoned the gameplan that gave the Giants a two touchdown lead.

Manning went 4-for-11 in the final 30 minutes for just 24 yards while the Giants defense allowed a shorthanded Eagles offense to storm back to win in overtime.

After Philadelphia tied the game at 17 with 1:53 remaining, Manning had an opportunity for one more vintage game-winning drive.

But Shurmur played the coward and opted not to go for it on 4th-&-3 from the Giants 32yard line.

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Alas, that's exactly what Shurmur did. The Eagles got the ball first and rammed the ball down James Bettcher's defense's throats for the

It extended the Giants' losing streak to a franchise-record nine straight games while Shurmur became the became the first head coach in the storied organization's history to have two seasons of 11-plus losses.

He's been here for only two years.

According to the New York Daily News' Pat Leonard, Giants co-owner John Mara "stormed off past the locker room flanked by the Giants' head of security, a Philadelphia police officer, and a team employee — a virtual media shield."

So why is this good for the Giants?

Not only does the loss keep the team slated at the No. 2 pick in the draft with a clear path to Ohio State defensive end Chase Young, but ownership seems plenty fed up with Shurmur as he continues to find ways to lose games.

On Tuesday, ESPN's Jordan Raanan reported that Shurmur will be fired in the coming weeks, if not after the

Like I said — overall — a pretty good night.

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